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News Release

Albert Sims appointed Director of Operations at the NWROC; Larry Smith steps down after 27 years as head

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The Northwest Research and Outreach Center (NWROC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Albert Sims, Ph.D. (photo, at right), as Director of Operations effective Monday, October 4, 2010. Sims' background is in nutrient and fertilizer management in crop production. He has been with the NWROC since 1995; he earned tenure and was promoted to associate professor in 2001 in the Department of Soil, Water and Climate in the University of Minnesota's College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences.



Greg Cuomo, associate dean of the college, says Sims will provide solid direction and leadership for the NWROC. "Dr. Sims is recognized throughout the region and the state of Minnesota for his work in the areas of soil fertility and nutrient management and we are pleased to have him as the new director of operations in Crookston."

Sims replaces Larry Smith, who stepped down as head of the NWROC after 27 years of dedicated service. Smith will remain a member of the research faculty as sugar beet agronomist. His work in the area of sugar beets and small grains has enabled increased crop production and regional viability. "Dr. Smith has provided such dedicated service over the years," Cuomo said. "His role as a member of our research faculty will give him the opportunity to continue that unprecedented leadership to both agriculture production and to northwest Minnesota."

Sims is a member of the American Society of Agronomy, Soil Science Society of America, Crop Science Society of America, Soil and Water Conservation Society, and the American Society for the Advancement of Science. Sims holds a doctorate from North Carolina State University in Raleigh in soil science and both his master's and bachelor's degrees are in agronomy from University of Nebraska in Lincoln.



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